LCO No. 5571

AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive of section 10-231c of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):
- 4 (c) (1) On and after July 1, 2000, parents or guardians of children in any school and school staff may register for prior notice of pesticide 5 6 application at their school. Each school shall maintain a registry of 7 persons requesting such notice. Prior to providing for any application 8 of pesticide within any building or on the grounds of any school, the 9 local or regional board of education shall provide for the mailing of 10 notice to parents and guardians who have registered for prior notice 11 under this section such that the notice is received no later than twenty-12 four hours prior to such application. Notice shall be given by any 13 means practicable to school staff who have registered for such notice. 14 Notice under this subsection shall include (1) the name of the active 15 ingredient of the pesticide being applied, (2) the target pest, (3) the 16 location of the application on the school property, (4) the date of the 17 application, and (5) the name of the school administrator, or a

designee, who may be contacted for further information.

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- (2) On and after October 1, 2015, prior to providing for any application of pesticide within any building or on the grounds of any school, in addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the local or regional board of education shall provide for notice of such application not less than seventy-two hours prior to such application by posting the notice required by subdivision (1) of this subsection on: (A) The Internet web site for the school where such application will occur, (B) the Internet web site for such local or regional board of education, (C) the front entrance of such school where such application will occur, and (D) any bulletin board located within one hundred feet of the front entrance of such school where such application will occur. Any such notice posted pursuant to subparagraph (C) or (D) of this subdivision shall be on a sign not less than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches in size and printed in all upper case lettering of not less than twelve-point boldface type of uniform font.
- (d) On and after July 1, 2000, no application of pesticide may be made in any building or on the grounds of any school during regular school hours or during planned activities at any school except that an emergency application may be made to eliminate an immediate threat to human health if (1) it is necessary to make the application during such a period, and (2) such emergency application does not involve a restricted use pesticide, as defined in section 22a-47. No child may enter an area where such application has been made until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.
- (e) On and after July 1, 2000, a local or regional board of education may make an emergency application of pesticide without prior notice under this section in the event of an immediate threat to human health provided the board provides for notice, by any means practicable, on or before the day that the application is to take place to any person who has requested prior notice under this section <u>and concomitantly</u> posts such notice at the locations and in the form described in

51 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section.

- Sec. 2. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 10-231d of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):
 - (c) On and after July 1, 2000, parents or guardians of children in any school and school staff may register for notice of pesticide application at their school. Each school shall maintain a registry of persons requesting such notice. Notice under this subsection shall include (1) the name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied, (2) the target pest, (3) the location of the application on the school property, [(3)] (4) the date of the application, and [(4)] (5) the name of the school administrator, or a designee, who may be contacted for further information.
 - (d) (1) On and after July 1, 2000, a local or regional board of education shall provide notice, by any means practicable, to any person who has requested notice under this section on or before the day that any application of pesticide is to take place at a school. No application of pesticide may be made in any building or on the grounds of any school during regular school hours or during planned activities at any school except that an emergency application may be made to eliminate an immediate threat to human health if (1) it is necessary to make the application during such a period and (2) such emergency application does not involve a restricted use pesticide, as defined in section 22a-47. No child may enter an area of such application until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.
 - (2) On and after October 1, 2015, prior to providing for any application of pesticide within any building or on the grounds of any school, in addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the local or regional board of education shall provide for notice of such application not less than seventy-two hours prior to such application by posting the notice required by subsection (c) of this

83 section on: (A) The Internet web site for the school where such 84 application will occur, (B) the Internet web site for such local or 85 regional board of education, (C) the front entrance of such school where such application will occur, and (D) any bulletin board located 86 within one hundred feet of the front entrance of such school where 87 88 such application will occur. Any such notice posted pursuant to subparagraph (C) or (D) of this subdivision shall be on a sign not less 89 90 than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches in size and printed in 91 all upper case lettering of not less than twelve-point boldface type of 92 uniform font.

93 Sec. 3. Section 10-231a of the general statutes is repealed and the 94 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

95 As used in sections 10-231b to 10-231d, inclusive, as amended by 96 this act, [and section 19a-79a,] (1) "pesticide" means a fungicide used 97 on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide or a rodenticide, but does not 98 mean a sanitizer, disinfectant, antimicrobial agent or pesticide bait in a 99 tamper-resistant container, (2) "lawn care pesticide" means a pesticide 100 registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and 101 labeled pursuant to the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide 102 Act for use in lawn, garden and ornamental sites or areas. "Lawn care 103 pesticide" does not include any: (A) Microbial pesticide or biochemical pesticide that is registered with the United States Environmental 104 105 Protection Agency, (B) horticultural soap or oil that is registered with 106 the United States Environmental Protection Agency and that does not 107 contain any synthetic pesticide or synergist, or (C) a pesticide classified 108 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as an exempt 109 material under 40 CFR 152.25, [and] (3) "integrated pest management" means use of all available pest control techniques, including judicious 110 111 use of pesticides, when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or 112 below an acceptable level, while decreasing the use of pesticides, (4) 113 "microbial pesticide" means a pesticide that consists of a 114 microorganism as the active ingredient, and (5) "biochemical pesticide" 115 means a naturally occurring substance that controls pests by nontoxic 116 mechanisms.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	10-231c(c) to (e),
		inclusive
Sec. 2	October 1, 2015	10-231d(c) and (d)
Sec. 3	from passage	10-231a